


REMARKS

In the Office Action dated January 4, 2006, claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being unpatentable by Brown (U.S. Patent No. 5,997,476). Claims 1-10 are currently pending.

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to clarify the invention. They now recite that a unique resistor value of the medical device (each medical device typically has its own resistor value) and a fixed resistor value (not associated with the medical device) are used to determine a cable type of the medical device. A cable type value corresponding to the cable type is used by the server computer to identify the medical device. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation that one of the components that is configured is a multiplexer. Claim 6 has been amended to include that the intermediate device has an adaptor assembly. None of these limitations are taught, shown, or suggested by Brown.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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